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SUBJECT: GATT ARTICLE XXVIII NEGOTIATIONS - NEW ZEALAND

REF A. STATE 206441 B. WELLINGTON 2668

1. EMBASSY ECON/COM COUNSELOR PASSED USG VIEWS CONTAINED
REFTEL A TO WOODFIELD.

2. IT EVIDENT GNZ WISHES TO FIND BASIS FOR RESOLVING
USG DISSATISFACTION ON GATT ARTICLE 28 NEGOTIATIONS, THOUGH
STILL NOT QUITE IN POSITION TO ADAPT INTERNAL PRCEDURES
FORTHWITH TO ACCOMMODATE USG ON ALL COMPLAINTS.

3. IN RE PARA 3 REFTTEL A WOODFIELD NOW ACKNOWLEDGES
MINISTERIAL DISCRETION TO RAISE DUTIES DOES AT LEAST APPEAR
TO GIVE AUTHORITY WHICH COULD HAVE POTENTIAL RESTRICTIVE
EFFECT, BUT, HE STRESSED THAT IN PRACTICE, THERE ARE
ADMINISTRATIVE LIMITATIONS. HE SAID THAT THE MINISTER
OF CUSTOMS WOULD NOT BE PERMITTED TO RAISE A BOUND RATE.

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4. WOODFIELD SAID THAT ON OCT 17, FOLLOWING THE WASHINGTON CONSULTATION ON MEAT TRADE (STATE 208155) WHICH HE AND TRADE AND INDUSTRY DEPUTY SECRETARY KENNETH FUTTER WOULD BE ATTENDING THEY WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH USG OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS MATTERS SUCH AS PROBLEMS WITH GATT ARTICLE 28 NEGOTIATIONS. UNFORTUNATELY, THEY WILL BE LEAVING FOR EUROPE (INCLUDING GENEVA) THE NEXT DAY, SO ANY MEETINGS MUST BE RESTRICTED TO THAT DATE.

5. EMBASSY URGES EFFORT ARRANGE APPROPRIATE MEETING.

6. HOLDEN OF GNZ EMBASSY WASHINGTON WILL BE COORDINATING ARRANGEMENTS FOR GNZ DELEGATION TO MEAT TRADE CONSULTATION AND ANY OTHER MEETINGS.

7. FYI WOODFIELD AGAIN EXPRESSED THE CONTINUING INTEREST IN PROGRESS ON THE TRADE BILL. HE SAID GNZ'S LATEST INFORMATION NOT REPEAT NOT OPTIMISTIC. ECON COUNSELOR PASSED GIST OF JOHN J HARTER ARTICLE IN USIS WIRELESS FILE SEPT 27. WE WOULD APPRECIATE OTHER CURRENT UPDATING AS IT BECOMES AVAILABLE.
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